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# The SPECTATOR.

*Lundibus arguitur Vini vinoſus*—— Hor.

*Friday, April* 25. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Temple, April* 24.

'SEveral of my Friends were this Morning 'got together over a Diſh of Tea in very 'good Health, though we had celebra- 'ted Yeſterday with more Glaſſes than we could have diſpenſed with, had we not been beholden to *Brooke* and *Hillier*. In Gratitude therefore to thoſe good Citizens, I am, in the Name of the Company, to accuſe you of great Negligence in over-looking their Merit who have imported true and generous Wine, and taken Care that it ſhould not be adulterated by the Retailers before it comes to the Tables of private Families, or the Clubs of honeſt Fellows. I cannot imagine how a SPECTATOR can be ſuppoſed to do his Duty, without frequent Reſumption of ſuch Subjects as concern our Health, the firſt thing to be regarded if we have a Mind to reliſh any thing elſe. It would therefore very well become your SPECTATORIAL Vigilance to give it in Orders to your Officer for inſpecting Signs, that in his Search he would look into the Itinerants who deal in Proviſions, and inquire where they buy their ſeveral Wares. Ever ſince the Deceaſe of *Mully* of *Puff* of agreeable and noiſy Memory, I cannot ſay I have obſerved any thing ſold in Carts, but carried by Horſe or Aſſe; or in fine, in any flowing Market, which is not periſhed or putrid: Witneſs the Wheel-barrows of rotten Raiſins, Almonds, Figs and Currants, which you vended by a Merchant dreſſed in a ſecond-hand Suit of a Foot Soldier. You ſhould conſider that a Child may be poiſoned for the Worth of a Farthing; but except his poor Parents ſend for one certain Doctor in Town they can have no Advice for him under a Guinea. When Poiſons are thus cheap and Medicines thus dear, how can you be negligent in inſpecting what we eat and drink, or take no Notice of ſuch as the above-mentioned Citizens who have been ſo ſerviceable to us of late in that Particular? It was a Cuſtom among the old *Romans*, to do him particular Honours who had ſaved the Life of a Citizen: how much more does the World owe to thoſe who 'prevent the Death of Multitudes? As theſe Men 'deſerve well of your Office, ſo ſuch as act to the 'Detriment of our Health, you ought to repreſent 'to themſelves and their Fellow-Subjects in the 'Colours which they deſerve to wear. I think it 'would be for the publick Good, that all who 'vend Wines ſhould be under Oaths in that Behalf. The Chairman at a Quarter Seſſions ſhould 'inform the Country, that the Vintner who mixes 'Wine to his Cuſtomers, ſhall (upon Proof that the 'Drinker thereof died within a Year and a Day 'after taking it) be deemed guilty of wilful Mur- 'der; and the Jury ſhould be inſtructed to enquire 'and preſent ſuch Delinquents accordingly. It is 'no Mitigation of the Crime, nor will it be con- 'ceived that it can be brought in Chance-Medley 'or Man-Slaughter, upon Proof that it ſhall ap- 'pear Wine joined to Wine, or right *Herefordſhire* 'poured into *Port O Port*; but his ſelling it for 'one thing knowing it to be another, muſt juſtly 'bear the foreſaid Guilt of wilful Murder: For 'that he, the ſaid Vintner, did an unlawful Act 'willingly in the falſe Mixture; and is therefore 'with Equity liable to all the Pains to which a Man 'would be, if it were proved he deſigned only to 'run a Man through the Arm, whom he whipped 'through the Lungs. This is my third Year 'at the *Temple*, and this is or ſhould be Law. An 'ill Intention well proved, ſhould meet with no 'Alleviation, becauſe it out-run it ſelf. There 'cannot be too great Severity uſed againſt the In- 'juſtice as well as Cruelty of thoſe who play with 'Mens Lives, by preparing Liquors whoſe Nature, 'for ought they know, may be noxious when mix- 'ed, tho' innocent when apart: And *Brooke* and '*Hillier*, who have enſured our Safety at our Meals, 'and driven Jealouſy from our Cups in Converſa- 'tion, deſerve the Cuſtom and Thanks of the 'whole Town; and it is your Duty to remind 'them of the Obligation.

*I am,*

*SIR,*

*Your humble Servant,*

Tom Pottle.

*Mr.*

*Mr.* SPECTATOR,

'I Am a Perſon who was long immured in a 'College, read much, ſaw little; ſo that I 'know no more of the World than what a Lecture 'or a View of the Map taught me. By this Means 'I improved in my Study, but became unpleaſant in 'Converſation. By converſing generally with the 'Dead, I grew almoſt unfit for the Society of the 'Living. So by a long Confinement, I contracted 'an ungainly Averſion to Converſation, and ever 'diſcourſed with pain to my ſelf, and little Enter-'tainment to others. At laſt I was in ſome Meaſure 'made ſenſible of my failing, and the Mortifica-'on of never being ſpoke to, or ſpeaking, unleſs the 'Diſcourſe ran upon Books, put me upon forcing 'my ſelf amongſt Men. I immediately affected the 'politeſt Company, by the frequent uſe of which 'I hoped to wear off the Ruſt I had contracted; but 'by an uncouth Imitation of Men uſed to act in 'publick, I got no further than to diſcover I had 'a Mind to appear a finer thing than I really was.

'Such I was, and ſuch was my Condition, when 'I became an ardent Lover, and paſſionate Ad-'mirer of the beauteous *Belinda*: Then it was that 'I really began to improve. This Paſſion changed 'all my Fears and Diffidences in my general Be-'haviour, to the ſole concern of pleaſing her. I 'had not now to ſtudy the Action of a Gentle-'man, but Love poſſeſſing all my Thoughts, 'made me truly be the thing I had a Mind to ap-'pear. My Thoughts grew free and generous, and 'the Ambition to be agreeable to her I admired, 'produced in my Carriage a feint ſimilitude of that 'diſengaged Manner of my *Belinda*. The way we 'are in at preſent, is that ſhe ſees my Paſſion, and 'ſees I at preſent forbear ſpeaking of it through 'prudential Regards. This reſpect to her ſhe 'returns with much Civility, and makes my Value 'for her as little a Misfortune to me, as is con-'ſiſtent with Diſcretion. She Sings very charming-'ly, and is readier to do ſo at my Requeſt, be-'cauſe ſhe knows I love her: She will Dance with 'me rather than another for the ſame Reaſon. 'My Fortune muſt alter from what it is before I 'can ſpeak my Heart to her, and her Circumſtances 'are not conſiderable enough to make up for the 'narrowneſs of mine: But I write to you now 'only to give you the Character of *Belinda*, as a 'Woman that has addreſs enough to demonſtrate 'a gratitude to her Lover, without giving him 'hopes of Succeſs in his Paſſion. *Belinda* has from 'a great Wit, governed by as great Prudence, and 'both adorned with Innocence, the Happineſs of 'always being ready to diſcover her real Thoughts. 'She has many of us, who now are her Ad-'mirers, but her Treatment of us, is ſo juſt and 'proportioned to our Merit towards her, and what 'we are in our ſelves; that I proteſt to you, I 'have neither Jealouſy nor Hatred toward my 'Rivals. Such is her Goodneſs, and the Ac-'knowledgement of every Man who admires her, 'that he thinks he ought to believe ſhe will take him 'who beſt deſerves her. I will not ſay, that this 'Peace among us is not owing to Self-love, which 'prompts each to think himſelf the beſt deſerver. 'I think there is ſomething uncommon and worthy 'of Imitation in this Lady's Character. If you 'will pleaſe to Print my Letter, you will oblige 'the little Fraternity of happy Rivals, and in a 'more particular Manner.

*S I R,*

*Your moſt humble Servant,*
Will. Cymon.


## *ADVERTEISMENTS.*

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For the Benefit of Mr. Booth.
By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

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